

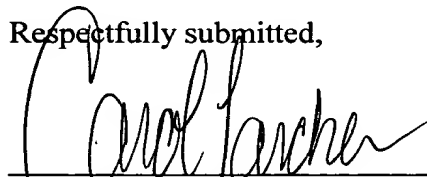
Election with Traverse

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I with traverse.

Discussion of Requirement for Restriction

There are two requirements for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions. The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed, and there must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required. M.P.E.P. § 803. Consequently, as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 803, "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." In the case at hand, the Office alleges that each group is directed to a distinct goal, involves material distinct steps, and generates distinct functions and effects, and that it would be unduly burdensome to search and examine both groups together. While Applicants agree with the Office that *ex vivo* and *in vivo* methods are, in fact, distinct, at issue is whether or not it would present an under burden on the Office to search and examine both groups of claims together. In this regard, Applicants point out that both groups of claims involve contacting a cell with (i) a genetic construct comprising AAV ITRs and a DNA encoding a polypeptide or genetic transcript of interest operably linked to a promoter and (ii) either an AAV Rep protein-encoding genetic construct or AAV Rep protein. In view of this, Applicants respectfully submit that searching one group would likely uncover references that the Office would consider in examining the claims of the other group and *vice versa*. Therefore, Applicants request the withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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